



Docket No.: E-42069

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date indicated below:

By: 

Date: September 17, 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/619,159 Confirmation No: 6786
Applicant : Rolf Brück et al.
Filed : July 14, 2003
Title : Method for Operating a Reformer Installation for Providing
Hydrogen-Enriched Gas, and Reformer Installation
Art Unit : 1754
Examiner : Wayne A. Langel

Docket No. : E-42069
Customer No. : 24131

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

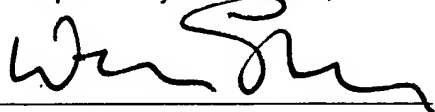
Responsive to the Office Action dated September 2, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group II, claims 24-36, for prosecution at this time. Applicants also request the examination of the linking claim 23.

Applicants request a rejoinder under MPEP §821.04.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 23-26 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



For Applicants

Date: September 17, 2004

Lerner and Greenberg, P.A.
Post Office Box 2480
Hollywood, FL 33022-2480
Tel: (954) 925-1100
Fax: (954) 925-1101
/bmb